



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

— Making a positive difference through education and service —

February 6, 2006

«First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
«School\_Address»  
«School\_City» «School\_State» «School\_Zip»

Dear «First\_Name»:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the 2006 Missouri Scholars Academy Student Selection Committee. Enclosed for your planning purposes is a schedule of the selection process.

The selection committee will meet on March 1, 2, and 3, 2006 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO. On Wednesday, March 1 we will meet at noon for lunch and an orientation session. The actual review of student nomination forms will begin after lunch and continue through Thursday and Friday. I expect to have your part of the selection process completed by noon on Friday.

The state will reimburse you for mileage, lodging, and those meals not provided as part of our activities. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Capital Plaza Hotel. **You will need to make your own reservations by calling the hotel at 1-800-338-8088 by February 15.** In order to get the negotiated room rate, please state that you are with the Missouri Scholars Academy Student Selection Committee, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The reservation must be guaranteed with the first night's deposit or credit card. Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to arrival date. If you miss the reservation deadline or prefer other lodgings, we will reimburse expenses which do not exceed those of the arrangements we've made. During our meetings you will be provided information and the necessary forms to request reimbursement for your expenses.

I look forward to being with you as we share this important task, and I appreciate very much your willingness to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Welch".

David Welch, Director  
Gifted Education Programs

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**MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY SELECTION COMMITTEE  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

- 12:00 noon Introductions
- 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Orientation
- 2:00 p.m. Receive first set of nominations
- 3:30 p.m. Refreshments available in meeting room  
group discussion of early reading process
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with MSA Representatives

**Thursday, March 2, 2006**

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and turn in first set of nominations and score sheets
- 8:30 a.m. Receive second set of nominations
- 12:00 noon Working Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Turn in second set of nominations and score sheets
- 3:00 p.m. Receive third set of nominations  
Refreshments available in meeting room
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

**Friday, March 3, 2006**

- 8:00 a.m. Buffet breakfast and evaluate nomination process

NO LATER THAN NOON Turn in third set of applications and score sheets  
Turn in expense account information



## Missouri Scholars Academy Selection Committee Orientation

### I. Housekeeping

- A. Schedule of events
- B. Expense accounts
  - 1. Mileage
  - 2. Meals
  - 3. Hotel - receipt must show \$0.00 balance
  - 4. Miscellaneous expenses
  - 5. Paperwork

### II. Scoring applications

- A. Review applications and rating sheet (points earned)
  - 1. Point out any missing sections ***immediately!***
  - 2. No zero scores unless *no* information is provided
- B. Essays
  - 1. Rubric
  - 2. Samples
- C. Evidence of student abilities
  - 1. Opportunities vary within schools; consider student's ***use*** of available opportunities.
  - 2. Look for specific examples, not just lists of activities or general descriptions.
  - 3. If school has done a poor job, try to penalize student as little as possible.
  - 4. Try to get a sense of what the student is like without "creating" him/her.
- D. Special Benefits/Needs
  - 1. All applicants would benefit; that doesn't help discriminate.
  - 2. Look for need, evidenced here or elsewhere in application (i.e. isolation, family circumstances, poverty, etc.).
  - 3. You may also consider potential contributions to Academy.
  - 4. Use professional judgment.
- E. General
  - 1. Be objective, fair, and consistent.
  - 2. Ignore personal bias/prejudice (for an area, person, writing style, etc.)
  - 3. Be aware of reader fatigue and power phenomenon.
  - 4. When finished, please put rating sheets and applications in **county-district code order**.
  - 5. Quantity of text does not necessarily mean quality of information.
  - 6. Thank you!!



# MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY

## Student Selection Rating Sheet

### Student Information:

«LName», «FName»

«CtyDist»

### Reader's Points:

Students Essay - Adventure (15 pts)

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Students Essay - Imagination (15 pts)

\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of Intellectual Curiosity (3 pts)

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Evidence of Being Self-directed (3 pts)

\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of Maturity (3 pts)

\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of Seeing Relationships (3 pts)

\_\_\_\_\_

Special Benefits/Needs (8 pts)

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**Total Reader's Points (50 Maximum)**

\_\_\_\_\_

Reader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_







## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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April 3, 2006

«FName» «LName»  
«Home\_Address»  
«Home\_City», «Home\_State» «Home\_Zip»

Dear «FName»:

Recently you were nominated by your high school for consideration as a candidate to participate in the annual Missouri Scholars Academy, which will be held on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia, June 11-July 1, 2006. I am pleased to inform you that you have been chosen to participate as one of the approximately 300 students attending as a member of the 2006 Academy class. As a participant, you will represent your school and community.

The Missouri Scholars Academy was established to provide educational experiences and enrichment opportunities which may differ significantly from those provided in the more traditional high school setting. The Academy is administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education through funds appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly. I encourage you and your family to check out the web site at [www.moscholars.org](http://www.moscholars.org) or call the Gifted Education Section at 573/751-2453 to learn more about the Academy, and other information regarding your participation in the Academy.

Your acceptance of this opportunity carries important responsibilities. As a participant, you will be a guest of the State of Missouri, the City of Columbia, and the University of Missouri. The co-directors of the Academy, a program coordinator, a residence hall coordinator, eighteen resident assistants, and the Academy's faculty will closely supervise the Academy's daily activities. It is expected that students will maintain behavior befitting the honor of being selected as a participant in the Academy.

If you find that you cannot attend the Academy for the entire three weeks, it will be necessary for you to release your invitation by contacting David Welch, Director of Gifted Education Programs, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480, telephone (573) 751-2453. Any release of an invitation should be made as soon as possible, so that another eligible student may have the opportunity to attend.

From time to time, members of the Academy staff will be in touch with Academy students and parents. It is important that you respond promptly to all inquiries to ensure proper planning and preparation. Deadline dates for responding will be included with each mailing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Johnson".

Stan Johnson  
Assistant Commissioner

c: «PRINSAL» «PRINFN» «PRINLN»





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April 3, 2006

«FName» «LName»  
«Home\_Address»  
«Home\_City», «Home\_State» «Home\_Zip»

Dear «FName»:

Recently you were nominated by your high school for consideration as a candidate to participate in the annual Missouri Scholars Academy.

There were over 500 students nominated from Missouri's public and private schools. A special selection committee composed of teachers, school administrators and counselors evaluated the nominations. This year due to budget constraints we are only able to serve 300 students instead of our usual 330. This made the selection committee's task even more difficult in applying the criteria to choose a few from among the very best. I wish it were possible to invite all those nominated to participate in the Academy, but facilities and funds require us to limit attendance.

Although you were not selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy, you should be proud of the honor bestowed upon you by being nominated by your school. Persons acquainted with your outstanding abilities chose you from among your classmates to represent your school and community at the Academy. A student of your high caliber will surely enjoy many opportunities for special advancement and recognition throughout your educational experience.

Thank you for your interest and effort in completing the application form for the Academy. I wish you every success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Johnson".

Stan Johnson  
Assistant Commissioner

c: «PRINSAL» «PRINFN» «PRINLN»



Superintendent notification in mailbag sent the week of April 10, 2006

#### Missouri Scholars Academy 2006

Letters of notification have been mailed to the homes off all students nominated for the Missouri Scholars Academy letting them know if they were selected or not selected. Building principals were mailed a copy of the student letters and contact persons have been sent an electronic list of the selectees.







## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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November 10, 2005

«Title» «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
«School\_District\_Name»  
«Address\_1»  
«City» «State» «Zip\_Code»

Dear «Title» «Last\_Name»:

For the past twenty-one years, the State of Missouri has conducted an excellent summer program for gifted high school students. Plans are now being made for the 2006 Missouri Scholars Academy, which will be held at the University of Missouri-Columbia from June 11-July 1, 2006. The brochure describing the Academy can be found on the Department web site at [dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/](http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/). **The nomination form and guidelines can be found ONLY on the web at [dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/msahidden.htm](http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/msahidden.htm). This link is to be used by school district personnel only.** The nominating guidelines link includes charts showing suggested point assignments which you may use in evaluating the grade point average and test scores of your student nominees. The guidelines can be used for you and your staff in making the final selection of your sophomore students to be nominated for consideration to attend the 2006 Academy.

**Nomination forms MUST be postmarked on or before February 10, 2006, or hand-delivered to our office by 4:00 p.m. on February 10, 2006. Late submissions will not be accepted! It is advisable to secure a legible, dated proof of mailing.**

The number of nomination forms you may submit coincides with the number of sophomores your district is eligible to nominate, based upon Core Data's record of your district's freshman enrollment last year. Based on your student population numbers, your district may submit:

«Regular\_Eligible» "regular" student nominations of any nationality or ethnicity;

«Additional\_Afr\_Amer\_Eligible» "additional" African American student nominations; and

«Hispanic\_Eligible» "additional" Hispanic student nominations for the 2006 Academy.

The Missouri Scholars Academy provides a unique educational experience for approximately 330 of our finest young scholars. I hope you will give the nomination of students from your district your personal attention. Please be sure nomination forms are mailed directly to David Welch, Director of Gifted Education Programs, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Post Office Box 480, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480. The nomination forms can be hand-delivered to the Gifted Education Programs Section, located on the eighth floor of the Jefferson State Office Building, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City. If you have questions or need additional information, please call (573) 751-2453.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Welch".

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11-23-2005

Dear Principals:

**The 2006 Missouri Scholars Academy application and guidelines can be found only on the web. You must check with your superintendent to secure the web address and the number of nomination (s) your district is eligible to nominate. This link is to be used by school personnel only.**

Please note that all nomination forms must be postmarked on or before February 10, 2006. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

David Welch, Director  
Gifted Education Programs  
Missouri Department of Elementary  
and Secondary Education



11-23-2005

Dear Counselors:

**The 2006 Missouri Scholars Academy application and guidelines can be found only on the web. You must check with your superintendent to secure the web address and the number of nomination (s) your district is eligible to nominate. This link is to be used by school personnel only.**

Please note that all nomination forms must be postmarked on or before February 10, 2006. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

David Welch, Director  
Gifted Education Programs  
Missouri Department of Elementary  
and Secondary Education





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## Missouri Scholars Academy

### Student Nomination Form

Documents are available in .pdf [A Note on Downloading PDF File](#)

- **Guidelines**
- **Complete Form** Use Adobe Acrobat -- If you have the full version of Adobe Acrobat, you have the ability to save form input information on the web.
- **Form in Sections** Use Acrobat Reader -- To complete our forms only the free Adobe Reader version is required. When using the free Adobe Reader with these forms, you can fill them out and print them, but you can not save them on the web.

**Note: Regardless of the version you use, you must print off the completed forms and mail them to DESE.**

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Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Division of School Improvement - Gifted Education Program  
Email: [webreplyge@dese.mo.gov](mailto:webreplyge@dese.mo.gov)  
Phone: 573-751-2453 Fax: 573-751-9434

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***2007 Missouri Scholars Academy  
Nominating Guidelines for  
Public School Districts & Private Schools***

Three-hundred and thirty “rising” high school juniors (approximately one-half percent of the state’s tenth graders) will be selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy. A state-level committee will choose Academy scholars from the students nominated by public school districts and private high schools.

Please use this chart to determine how many students your district or school may nominate for the 2007 Missouri Scholars Academy.

If the total tenth grade enrollment for each school district/private school is:	Each school district/private school may nominate:	Approximate number of public school districts and private high schools in Missouri:		Total Possible nominations:
		Public	Private	
<i>1-200</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>368</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>489</i>
<i>201-400</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>114</i>
<i>401-600</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>		<i>27</i>
<i>601-800</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>24</i>
<i>801-1,000</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>20</i>
<i>1,001-1,200</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>24</i>
<i>1,201-1,400</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>
<i>1,401-1,600</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>24</i>
<i>1,601-1,800</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>9</i>
<i>1,801-2,000</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>
<i>2,001-3,000</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>
<i>3,001 +</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>
<b><i>State Totals</i></b>		<b><i>448</i></b>	<b><i>125</i></b>	<b><i>731</i></b>





### The MSA Scholar

School personnel should give careful consideration to the type of student they nominate for the Missouri Scholars Academy. Students should have a clear understanding of the academic focus of the Academy and the desire to participate fully in this three-week academic experience. Potential MSA scholars should have demonstrated intellectual emotional maturity with the personal commitment and responsibility to meet the daily expectations of the program.

Students nominated should:

Be intellectually curious and flexible enough to explore new ideas and approaches, adapt to new situations, and view problems from more than one perspective;

Have a broad range of interests (not to be confused with a broad range of activities);

Be willing to participate energetically in the academic and residential life of the program;

Demonstrate ability to think analytically and conceptually, and to generate many alternatives;

Be a self-starter, independent, and willing to take risks;

Be emotionally stable and socially mature, honest, considerate of others, and responsible for personal behavior;

Be able to express himself/herself in writing, orally, or in the arts;

Have a sense of humor.

It is also vital that school personnel responsible for student's nominations recognize the importance of continuity to the Missouri Scholars Academy experience. They must nominate only students who are committed to enthusiastically participating in the program and remaining for the entire three weeks without interruption, except for illness or emergencies.

The Missouri Scholars Academy Program considers it unethical and unfair to other students for a student to accept a nomination, knowing in advance that permission will be sought at a later date to be absent during the program.



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## 2007 MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY

### Point Assignment for WISC-IV/WAIS-III and Stanford-Binet V Scores

POINTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
WISC-IV																				
WAIS-III																				
STANFORD-BINET V	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124 125	126 127	128	129	130 131	132	133 134	135 136	137 138	139 140	141 142	143 144	145+

### Point Assignment for Grade Point Average

POINTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GPA	3.0-3.19	3.20-3.29	3.30-3.39	3.40-3.49	3.50-3.59	3.60-3.69	3.70-3.79	3.80-3.89	3.90-3.99	4.0

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**2007**  
**MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY**  
**POINT ASSIGNMENT**

Points	PSAT Selection Index	PLAN Composite Score
20	222+	29+
19	217-221	28
18	212-216	27
17	208-211	26
16	203-207	
15	199-202	
14	196-198	25
13	193-195	
12	190-192	24
11	188-189	
10	186-187	
9	183-185	23
8	180-182	
7	178-179	
6	175-177	22
5	173-174	
4	172	
3	170-171	
2	169	
1	167-168	21



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## MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY RUBRIC FOR RATING STUDENT ESSAYS

Writing lacks focus & contains little information	Writing is inconsistent & reader must make inferences	Writing is generally clear but needs more detail	Writing is clear & contains sufficient detail	Writing is focused & contains significant detail
Organization has no clear direction	Organization leaves the reader struggling for direction	Organization allows reader to understand without too much confusion	Organization guides reader to understand	Organization enhances reader's understanding
Writer (voice) appears lifeless or non-existent	Writer (voice) is distanced from text	Writer (voice) is there and then gone	Writer (voice) can be identified	Writer (voice) leaves his/her fingerprints
Word choice is incorrect or vague	Word choice is limited	Word choice lacks interest	Word choice is effective	Word choice is vivid & precise
Sentences are short, choppy, run together or all the same	Sentences are irregular, lack transitional phrases & repetitive	Sentences are grammatical but lack rhythm	Sentences are correct & somewhat varied	Sentences flow smoothly
Convention errors make the text difficult to read & interpret	Convention errors distract the reader from responding to text	Convention errors look somewhat like a rough draft	Convention errors do not distract from message	Convention errors are few & minor





**2007 MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY**  
**Explanations and Directions for Completing Nomination Forms**

Only Missouri residents who are high school sophomores and who attend eligible Missouri schools may apply. All areas of the application must be completed in order for the student to be considered. Applications must be submitted on white paper with black ink only. Narratives must be typed and confined to space provided. Web application is set to a default font. It is vital to return all appropriate pages of the application. Typed information is automatically formatted and can not be changed. **No attachments will be accepted with the application. Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than February 9, 2007.**

**PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION** *(pages 2 and 7 must be paper clipped together)*

**SECTION A. Identification**

Verify accuracy of personal information about student. Use complete names for school district and high school. The six-digit county-district code and the four-digit building code can be obtained from the Missouri School Directory. The name of the public school district should be omitted if nominee is from a private school. Providing information about race is voluntary.

**SECTION B. School Record and Test Information**

1. The student's grade point average for three semesters for all courses must be based on a four-point scale as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1. There are no provisions for giving extra weight to accelerated or honors courses. Plus and minus grades are not to be counted in the computation. **In order to have a standardized method for computing GPA's from schools throughout the state, all schools must use this method, regardless of what scale the school normally uses.** Do not send transcript. *(Maximum of 10 points)*
2. A student will not be considered for selection if the necessary test information is not provided. There can be no substitutions. Scores will be equated so there should be no penalty or benefit for a student who takes a given test in a category. **Photocopy of the scoring page for the I.Q. test record form must be stapled to the student identification page.** *(Maximums of 20 points for intelligence test score and 20 points for scholastic aptitude test score)*  
*(pages 2 and 7 must be paper clipped together)*

**PART II. STUDENT NOMINATION FORM** *(pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be stapled together)*

**SECTION A. & B Student Essays**

It is important for students to express their ideas to the best of their ability. Rubrics that will be used for scoring are enclosed with the nomination form. Students may type their essays in a Word document and the school may insert essays in the nomination form. *(Maximum of 30 points)* **(pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be stapled together)**

**SECTION C. Evidence of Abilities**

The information provided here will be a significant consideration in the selection of students. Specific examples must be cited but are not limited to the school setting. Remarks must be limited to available space. Do not attach samples of student's work or lists of activities. It will be beneficial for the contact person (or designee) to gather information from several people (teachers, coaches, etc.) before completing this section. *(Maximum of 12 points, 3 points for each area)*

**SECTION D. Special Benefits/Needs**

Since students are often hard to categorize, this section is for information which may not have been presented earlier. Completion of this section may require the help of individuals who have extensive knowledge of the student, his/her talents, ambitions, curricular or social needs, future plans, family situation, other needs, etc. *(Maximum of 8 points)*  
**(pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be stapled together)**

**PART III. PARTICIPATION AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT** *(pages 2 and 7 must be paper clipped together)*

This section is necessary to assure Academy officials that student and parents/guardians understand their responsibilities for potential Academy participants. **(pages 2 and 7 must be paper clipped together)**





**PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION**

**SECTION A. IDENTIFICATION** *(To be completed by the school; see directions)*

**Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than February 9, 2007.**

STUDENT'S NAME LAST		FIRST	MIDDLE	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE	BIRTHDATE
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	<input type="text"/>
HOME ADDRESS	STREET <input type="text"/>				
	CITY	STATE		MO	ZIP <input type="text"/>
STUDENT'S RACE		COMPLETION OF THIS ITEM IS VOLUNTARY			<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SCHOOL
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="text"/>				<input type="checkbox"/> NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL
NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT (PRIVATE SCHOOLS MAY OMIT)		BUILDING CODE	COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE	COUNTY	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL					
<input type="text"/>					
NAME AND TITLE OF SCHOOL CONTACT PERSON			CONTACT PERSON'S SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER		
<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>		
CONTACT PERSON'S SCHOOL EMAIL					
<input type="text"/>					

**SECTION B. School Record and Test Information** *(See Explanations and Directions)*

1. Student's grade point average for three semesters for *all* courses (Use 4 point scale)   
*(10 points).* Grade point averages must be computed on a 4 point scale regardless of what scale the school uses. See directions regarding weighted grades, plus and minus grades, etc.
2. Required test data: Applicant must have test scores within past three years on one individual intelligence test and one scholastic aptitude test. (It should be to the student's advantage to have taken the scholastic aptitude test during the sophomore year.) Other tests cannot be substituted. *Photocopy of the scoring page for the I.Q. test record form must be stapled to the student identification page.*

**INTELLIGENCE TEST** *(List only one test) (20 points)*

NAME OF TEST	DATE OF TEST	FULL SCALE I.Q./INDEX SCORE
WISC-IV <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
WAIS-III <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
BINET V <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST** *(List only one test) (20 points)*

NAME OF TEST	DATE OF TEST	COMPOSITE RAW SCORE OR STANDARD SCORE
PSAT <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	SELECTION INDEX <input type="text"/>
PLAN <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	COMPOSITE SCORE <input type="text"/>

**NOTE** ➡ **THESE ARE NOT PERCENTILE SCORES**



## STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

**PART II. SECTION A. STUDENT ESSAY** (15 points) (font set to 12 pt. in Times New Roman)

STUDENT'S NAME (LAST)

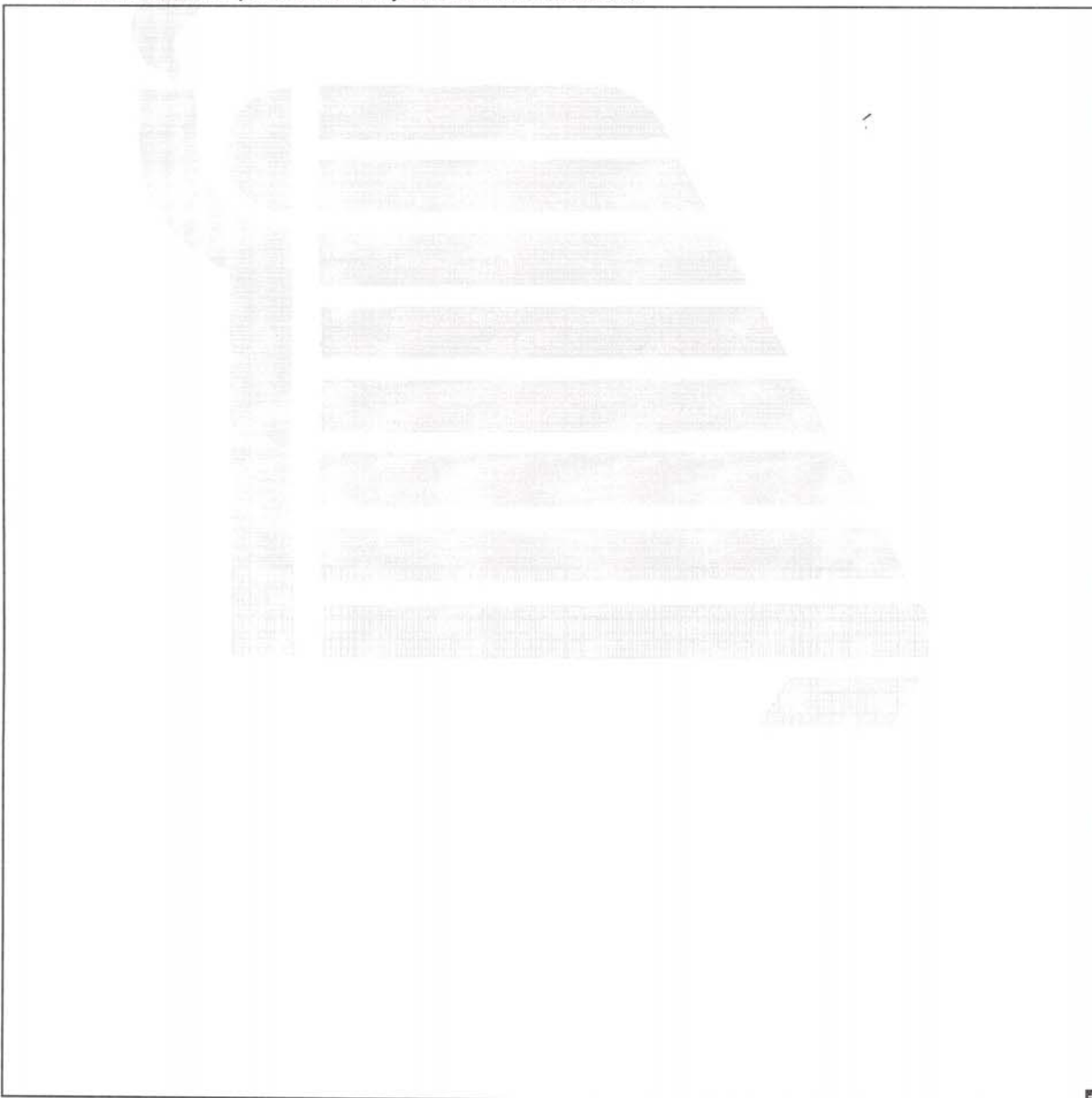
(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE

Philosopher Alfred North Whitehead said, "The vitality of thought is an adventure. Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them."

Using your own writer's "voice," write a 200-300 word essay that illustrates to the selection committee an instance in which you acted on an idea, either alone or in collaboration with others. Be specific about your motivation and how you transformed your idea into an adventure.



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**PART II. SECTION B. STUDENT ESSAY** (15 points) (font set to 12 pt. in Times New Roman)

STUDENT'S NAME	(LAST)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)	COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE
				-

"The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." -- Albert Einstein.

Write an essay of approximately 200-300 words in which you discuss whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Offer specific examples to support your viewpoint.





## 2007 STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

### PART II. SECTION C. EVIDENCE OF STUDENT ABILITIES (12 points) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL

STUDENT'S NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE

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Below are some behavioral characteristics of gifted students. Each item counts for a maximum of three points. To avoid penalizing the student, complete each item. The information you provide should include specific examples. Examples need not be limited to the school setting. Several people should be contacted in order to provide a summary of relevant information about the student. Limit remarks to available space.

1. Cite specific evidence of student's intellectual curiosity – student is always investigating or asking questions.

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2. Cite specific evidence of students' ability to be self-directed in activities.

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3. Cite specific evidence of when the student demonstrated maturity of character.

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4. Cite specific evidence when the student demonstrated the ability to generalize learning and see relationships among apparently unrelated ideas.

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## 2007 STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

### PART II. SECTION D. SPECIAL BENEFITS/NEEDS (8 points) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL

STUDENT'S NAME	(LAST)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)	COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE
				-

5. Since students are often hard to categorize, this section is for information which may not have been presented earlier. Completion of this section may require the help of individuals who have extensive knowledge of the student, his or her talents, ambitions, curricular or social needs, future plans, family situation, other needs, etc. (Maximum of 8 pts.)

#### RETURN ALL PARTS OF COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS TO:

David Welch, Director, Gifted Education Programs  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
P.O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480  
(573) 751-2453





**PART III. PARTICIPATION AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT FOR THE ACADEMY**  
(June 10-June 30, 2007)

**Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than February 9, 2007.**

As a parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby grant permission for his/her name to be placed in nomination for appointment to the Missouri Scholars Academy. I also agree to the following, pertaining to the above-named student:

1. I understand that, if selected, my son/daughter may not leave the Academy for any other activity during the three weeks (except for medical emergencies).
2. I understand that because the Academy is publicly funded, the names, addresses and school affiliation of students completing the program will become a matter of public record.
3. I understand that transportation to and from the University of Missouri-Columbia must be arranged by the student and/or family. I further understand that in case of problems of illness, disruptive behavior or other unforeseen circumstances, I will be responsible for transportation home at any time when Academy officials deem such dismissal necessary for the benefit of the student or others in the Academy.
4. I understand that it may be necessary for Academy officials to obtain emergency medical assistance in case of accident or sudden illness. When seeking emergency medical assistance academy officials are required to provide the student's social security number. Please provide that number \_\_\_\_\_.  
**I understand that in case of accident or illness, the family or family's insurance provider has primary responsibility for payment of medical expenses.** I consent for emergency treatment of my son/daughter at University Hospital and Clinics for any emergent event which might arise during his/her stay at the Academy.
5. Permission is given for release of all pertinent school data to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for purposes of selecting students to attend the Academy.
6. Consent is given for the above-named student, if selected to attend, to provide opinions about various aspects of the Academy (e.g., the curriculum, the quality of instruction, the facilities, and the effects on student). These data will be helpful in planning future Academies and other special programs for gifted students.
7. I understand that my son/daughter may be interviewed and/or photographed or filmed as part of news coverage or promotion of the academy.
8. If my son/daughter is selected but chooses not to attend the Academy, I will immediately notify the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education so that another student may participate.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	_____						
ADDRESS	_____	CITY	_____	STATE	_____	ZIP CODE	_____
HOME PHONE	_____	WORK PHONE	_____	EMERGENCY PHONE	_____		
SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN	_____			DATE	_____		
I certify that the information in this application is correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that the essays are my original work. I also agree to the above stipulations regarding commitment and participation.							
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	_____			DATE	_____		





Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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January 19, 2006

«Title» «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
«School\_Address»  
«School\_City» «School\_State» «School\_Zip»

Dear «First\_Name»:

The 2006 Missouri Scholars Academy student selection committee will meet March 1, 2, 3, 2006. The Selection Committee Meeting will be held at place yet to be determined. Specific information regarding securing rooms will follow. The selection process will begin on Wednesday, March 1 at Noon with lunch. The actual review of student nominations will begin after lunch and conclude by noon on Friday. Enclosed is a proposed schedule of the selection activities.

I would like to invite you to serve on this important committee. The state will reimburse you for your necessary travel, lodging, and meals. We are inviting more people than will be able to serve on the committee; therefore, we may not be able to utilize everyone who replies that they wish to help. It will be necessary for you to be at the selection meetings for the entire time, because of the importance of this task we will not be able to make any exceptions. To complete the preparation process in time it is necessary to have your reply by February 6, 2006. You may respond by e-mail, fax, or mail. My fax number is (573) 751-9434 and my e-mail address is david.welch@dese.mo.gov. My mailing address is P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Sincerely,

David Welch, Director  
Gifted Education Programs

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being a member of the 2006 Missouri Scholars Academy Student Selection Committee

My current school address \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to help this year, please keep me in your database for future years

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to be considered for this task, please remove my name from your database

